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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Canals are dug by the ryots and maintained by the ryots. Why should they be penalized simply because the source happens to be a Government source? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" The whole difficulty is that those ryots have undertaken from time immemorial to attend to the repairs of the works, and the Government source supplies the wager. There is nothing new in this matter."

Laying of pipe-line from the reservoir to headworks in Vizianagram Municipality.

* 39 *Q.*—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Sanitary Engineer to Government has to prepare any estimate for laying the pipe-line from the reservoir to the headworks in the Vizianagram Municipality;

(*b*) if so, what is the estimate; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to provide any grant to the Vizianagram Municipal Council to enable it to take up the work soon?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No regular estimate has been prepared. To suit the requirements of Vizianagram for supplying an ultimate population of 120,000 in 1981, at the increased rate of 25 gallons per head per day, the size of the pumping main has to be altered to 21 inches against the existing 12 inches which may cost roughly Rs. 7·3 lakhs at the present rates.

" (*c*) The works in question will not ordinarily be eligible for any grant as they are not new works."

Malarial Research work in South Kanara.

* 40 *Q.*—SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the malarial research work was completed in the Beltangady and the neighbouring villages in Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, by an officer appointed for that purpose, some two years ago;

(*b*) if so, what the result of such investigation is;

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken as regards the anti-malarial work in such places;

(*d*) if no steps have been taken, why;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Government have allotted money for anti-malarial work in other parts of the Province; and

(*f*) if so, whether the Government propose to allot the necessary money for anti-malarial work in South Kanara district also?

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) Yes. A malaria investigation unit deputed to work in the Puttur taluk for about 16 months, completed the investigation work by March 1946.

" (*b*) Information as to the degree and extent of malaria endemicity in the area has been gathered and necessary data for carrying out malaria control measures have been collected.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Proposals for malaria control work are under the consideration of the Government.

" (*e*) Yes.

" (*f*) Proposals in this regard are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Do the Government propose to undertake anti-malarial work as they are doing in other parts of the Province? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* CUT IN PETROL RATIONS FOR LORRIES AND PUBLIC CARRIERS.

* MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the members of this House that I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member, Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, viz.—

'Under Rule 36 of the Council Rules, I propose to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing the situation caused by the cut in petrol rations for lorries and public carriers. Please enable me to do so.'

" I would like to know what the Government have to say."

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I shall make a statement on the petrol position and also explain the situation on Monday, the 22nd instant."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I am very glad, Sir. There is no necessity to move the motion except to direct the attention of the Government to the matter."

The adjournment motion was not pressed.

GOVERNMENT MOTION.

III.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*That as the South Indian Railway have, in accordance with the decision of the Railway Board, reconstituted their Local Advisory Committee making provision for two members to represent the Madras Legislature—one from the Legislative Assembly and the other from the Legislative Council—on the reconstituted Advisory Committee,*